

Temple of the Air
"Yom Kippur"
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I want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else. Closed captions make television programs accessible to me and my family and friends who are deaf or hard of hearing. Closed captioning is a required part of any television program.

The law requiring closed captioning was passed in 1996. The FCC established closed captioning rules in 1998. The rules required closed captioning to be increased gradually over 8 years. Since January 2006, 100% of all new television programs must be captioned. This program should NOT be an exception.

I am Jewish and deaf, and by not including closed captions on your program segregates me from the rest of the Jewish people. Are you being prejudiced against the deaf? Are you also being prejudiced against the elderly? As stated in your petition, "This service was designed to bring this special service to the home bound who cannot go to services at a synagogue." I hope you realize that those who are "home bound" are more likely to have medical problems, including hearing losses. We as the hearing impaired require close captions and we will not be able to participate in this service if you do not have close captions. If you will not provide close captioning, then it is inexcusable for you to broadcast your program. Temple of the Air, you should know better as the Jewish people have faced many periods of anti-Semitism, persecution and exile. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

I cannot watch television programs without closed captions. No program should be on television without closed captions! With closed captions, I get the program information and the message that the Temple of the Air cares about me as an equal. The FCC must support all deaf and hard of hearing consumers and must enforce the closed captioning rules!

Sincerely,
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